

**MINUTES OF THE  
HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 • 8:00 am • 210 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Chair  
Rep. Derrin R. Owens, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Jim Dabakis  
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson  
Sen. Don L. Ipson  
Sen. Ann Millner  
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson  
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson  
Rep. Kim F. Coleman  
Rep. Brad M. Daw  
Rep. Karen Kwan  
Rep. Kelly B. Miles

Rep. Val K. Potter  
Rep. Jon E. Stanard  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley  
Rep. Mike Winder

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Keith Grover, House Chair

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Spencer C. Pratt, Fiscal Manager  
Ms. Jill L. Curry, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Lorna Wells, Legislative Session Worker

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [le.utah.gov](http://le.utah.gov).

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chair Owens called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Vice Chair Owens recognized UCAT colleges' "Students of the Year" who were present.

Vice Chair Owens mentioned the article titled "Silicon Slopes" in the January 28, 2017 issue of the *Herald Journal*.

**2. UCAT College Presentations**

**a. Southwest Applied Technology College (SWATC)**

President Brennan Wood gave a presentation about SWATC.

**3b-Southwest ATC**

Vice Chair Owens asked questions about the hybrid courses. Pres. Wood responded to those questions.

Chair Vickers asked what is being done to help high school students complete a certificate. Pres. Wood reported that the Rotary Club has provided a bridge scholarship to help some students complete.

Rep Daw was impressed that SWATC is teaching current programming languages including SWIFT.

**b. Ogden Weber Applied Technology College (OWATC)**

**3a-Ogden-Weber ATC**

President Collette Mercier with the assistance of Vice President James R. Taggart gave a presentation about OWATC.

Rep. Miles asked if there has been pushback from Weber State regarding articulation. Pres. Mercier answered that there has been no pushback at all. She appreciated the support of Sen Millner and Pres. White. He asked about the partnerships involved with the Ogden Depot site. Pres. Mercier answered this question.

Sen. Ipson asked a question about secondary students and how that number could be increased, especially to increase completion rates. Pres. Mercier responded.

Rep. Potter asked about faculty needed for the composites expansion. Pres. Mercier answered the question.

Rep. Kwan asked about faculty recruitment. Pres. Mercier stated that this is a challenge and explained how it is done.

Sen. Millner asked about the strategic workforce initiative. Vice President Taggart answered the question.

Sen. Vickers will ask his questions off-line.

**3. USHE Presentations**

**a. Utah Valley University (UVU)**

President Matthew Holland gave a presentation about UVU with the assistance of Vice President for University Relations, Cameron Martin.

Rep. Kwan would like to specifically discuss ethnic retention and completion off-line. She asked about the hiring of ethnically diverse faculty and staff. Pres. Holland will give the disaggregated data to Rep. Kwan. He answered the question about hiring ethnically diverse faculty.

Rep. Wheatley asked for the information as well.

Rep. Coleman asked several questions including: the acceptance rate from other two-year colleges, whether any lower-level courses were now upper division courses, performance based funding for faculty, and if student fees were required. Pres. Holland briefly answered the questions, but will give more detailed information off-line.

Sen. Stephenson asked how UVU is dealing with the fact that the typical four-year degree may be a thing of the past. Pres. Holland stated that they now have more certificates and badges and will be expanding these.

Sen. Henderson appreciated the tremendous leadership of Pres. Holland and his ability to do more with less.

Sen. Millner also wanted to acknowledge the great job Pres. Holland has done at UVU. Pres. Holland appreciated Sen. Millner's assistance.

**b. Dixie State University (DSU)**

President Richard Williams gave a presentation about DSU.

Sen. Ipson commended Pres. Williams for his great vision and leadership. He asked committee members to consider DSU's funding requests.

Rep. Winder asked about the percentage of students who are in on-campus housing. Pres. Williams answered this question and mentioned that this has also triggered private developers to provide more student housing.

Sen. Millner appreciated Pres. Williams' broader comprehensive scope and vision. She asked Pres. Williams to continue to align DSU with future Utah needs.

Rep. Stanard asked if there had been discussion about changing the 75/25 mix and would like to have more committee discussion regarding this. He also commented that Pres. Williams has done a great job often having to make very difficult decisions.

**c. Salt Lake Community College SLCC**

President Denece Huftalin gave a presentation about SLCC.

Rep. Wheatley asked why CTE numbers had gone down and minority demographic with Goldman Sachs. Pres. Huftalin mentioned their strategic initiatives to address the ethnically diverse issues.

Rep. Kwan expressed her appreciation to Pres. Huftalin on her great leadership and applauded the effort to put students first.

Vice Chair Owens asked committee members who had other questions to take these offline.

Chair Vickers asked committee members to carefully review the data that was provided in a recent e-mail from staff.

#### **4. Introduction of USHE and UCAT Base Budget Performance Measures**

Ms. Curry discussed the Performance Measures Issue Brief.

#### **5-Issue Brief - USHE and UCAT Base Budget Performance Measures**

Sen. Stephenson asked how these performance measures differ from previous measures and how they relate to performance-based funding. Mr. Pratt responded to this question.

Sen. Stephenson asked to have these compared side by side. Mr. Pratt and Ms. Curry will provide this information.

Sen. Vickers gave more information regarding this issue.

Sen. Stephenson asked for more information about possible UCAT program expansion. Pres. Woolstenhulme discussed the UCAT FY 2018 Employer-Driven Program Expansion Needs.

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

House Vice Chair Owens adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

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Sen. Evan Vickers, Senate Chair

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Rep. Keith Grover, House Chair